

Pappas Telecasting Companies' bias towards Republican candidates in certain areas is yet another example of a powerful media group abusing its privileged access to the public airwaves.

Democracy itself is in danger when powerfull media like Pappas Telecasting Companies decides to provide one side in local elections a louder voice than others. This effort to "direct" public oppinion in one or other direction is a contemporary form of intellectual dictatorship. Those who engage on it are fully aware of how a country can be steered towards political, military and economic goals which may not be that country's real choice were information offered in a truthfull and balanced way.

Pappas uses the public airwaves free of charge and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. Pappas' actions are legally questionable and cast doubt on whether Pappas truly intends to serve the public interest. Their actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. Further, they show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than just a returned postcard. Thank you.